



Mrs. Francine D. McMillan

December 14, 1935 - October 1, 2022

Mrs. Francine McMillan, a beloved mother, grandmother, Nana, Aunt and friend, transitioned home quietly and peacefully on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

Born in Columbia, South Carolina, Francine affectionately known as "Frankie" was the daughter of the late Thomas and Lucy Mae Davis. As a young child, she was educated at Saxon School of Ward One, and completed her education with the public school system in New York City.

In New York, Francine worked as a model, sat for oil paintings and worked as a ceramic artist. She returned to Columbia with her two daughters in 1969. She was employed at Fort Jackson for several years prior to her employment with the Department of Mental Health.

In November of 1972, Francine created the Buffette Models as a way to enhance the youth for tomorrow. Modeling technics were taught as well as poise, and etiquette. She encouraged self-confidence and acceptance of body image. She later opened her beauty salon where she continued to teach modeling and also launched her cosmetic line, FranArLu.

Upon returning to Columbia, Francine joined Jones Memorial AMEZ Church and later joined Bethel AME Church. At Bethel, she served as the President of the Trustees Helpers, President of the Stewardess Board, supported the

Young People's Division and the Liturgical Dance Ministry. She held a true passion for her service to God and her church family. However, after many years of service, she moved to College Place UMC Church.

During her time at Bethel, she met and married her beloved husband, Eugene R. McMillan. In the late 1970s, she became actively involved with VFW Post 4262, and American Legion Post 215. Francine was elected as Auxiliary President for several terms and served as Auxiliary District Representative. She was devoted to activities for the veterans, community outreach for the youth and increasing awareness and membership, as well as recruiting for Palmetto Girls State.

Francine was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter, Lucy Buffalo-Brown and her beloved husband, Eugene McMillan.

Leaving to cherish her memories are her daughter, Arlene Buffalo-Jackson; five grandchildren, Sam A. Jackson, of Columbia, South Carolina, Tyger Brown, of Jacksonville, Florida, Sebastian Brown, of Columbia, South Carolina, France Jackson, Portland, Oregon, and Samone (Steven) Stokes, of Columbia, South Carolina; seven great-grandchildren, A'Miya Jackson, Sebastian Brown, Jr., Joshua White, and Sevyn Stokes of Columbia, South Carolina and Jaxon, Brooklyn, and Harlem Brown of Jacksonville, Florida; a devoted special friend, John Washington; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and caring friends, who will miss her dearly.

The McMillan family acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind expressions of love and sympathy.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Grace Christian Church, 5010 Monticello Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. Dr. Aaron Bishop, Pastor, Reverend Schrendria Robinson, Presiding, Reverend

Ertha Bowman, Eulogist. Interment to follow in Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens.

Public viewing will be from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 7, 2022 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel.

Please leave Mrs. Francine McMillan family your condolences and prayers.

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Cemetery Details

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

2603 Two Notch Rd
columbia, SC

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Christian Church
5010 Monticello Road
Columbia, SC 29203

To view the service, please click on the link below: <https://fb.watch/g47GjfYL84/>

Tribute Wall

LY

“ I am so appreciative of the time Ms. Buffalo, (as we knew her) poured into me and others as members of her Buffet models in the 1970's. She was such a lady who taught us how to act and carry ourselves like ladies at all times.

Condolences with sincere gratitude to Arlene and the McMillan family for sharing her with us. I pray that you all find strength in the Lord, and that her spirit will live on in your hearts forever.

Rest in Peace "Sister McMillan"

Lynn - October 09, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Francine D. McMillan.



October 07, 2022 at 03:56 PM

MF

“ Our Deepest Condolences To The Family. May God Wrap His Loving Arms Around You All During This Difficult Time. LaBrew Family



Mr. & Mrs. LaBrew & Family - October 07, 2022 at 11:32 AM

PB

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.
Pam Bosket Barnes Saluda SC.*



Pam Barnes - October 07, 2022 at 05:47 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased
for the family of Mrs. Francine D. McMillan.*



October 06, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for
the family of Mrs. Francine D. McMillan.*



October 06, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Mrs. Francine D. McMillan.*



October 05, 2022 at 10:17 AM

SB

“ *May God wrap his loving arms around you all during this time and the many days ahead. Ms. Francine was a beautiful woman inside and out and will be missed dearly. Our hearts and prayers are with you.*

*Sherman and Patricia Bosket
Saluda, SC*

Sherman and Patricia Bosket - October 05, 2022 at 03:39 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Francine D. McMillan.*



October 04, 2022 at 02:28 PM

AF

“ *Our condolences to the McMillan family and friends. Our prayers are with you all.*

April S. Bosket & Family - October 04, 2022 at 02:06 PM

MB

“ *From The Boykin Family: Toby, Marion, Joe, Thomas, Harry & Families...Our deepest condolences at this time. Our hearts are heavy with this loss. Francine was the last one of a great family, but she has left us great strength for all journeys ahead. We will miss her always.*

Marion Boykin - October 04, 2022 at 11:46 AM

HB

“ My Deepest sympathy goes out to my family love you guys. My Aunt Francine was very instrumental in my progress throughout the years. From childhood was always close to her and my cousin Arlene and Lucy shared some happy times together as kids. Always looking forward to come south to visit. I especially have a deep space in my heart for My Aunt as she took me in and allowed me to go to school in Columbia in my 10th grade year and part of the 11th grade she was truly a second Mother to me and I am forever grateful. I know the heavens are opening up awaiting her. God has truly gained an Angel. Life well lived great and faithful servant. Will always love you. Now Rest easy my Aunt

Harry Boykin - October 04, 2022 at 10:54 AM

DH

“ Our condolences to the McMillan Family from the Heyward Family past neighbors from Highland Park Neighborhood



Donna Heyward - October 03, 2022 at 09:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Francine D. McMillan.



October 03, 2022 at 06:56 PM

YT

“ My deepest condolences to Arleen and the grandchildren of Francine our hearts and prayers are with you we love you all and may God continue to bless each of you in your time of sorrow...Rest in Heavenly peace Mrs Francine take your rest.... Yvette and the Jackson family

Yvette Taylor - October 03, 2022 at 04:50 PM

MF

“ To McMillan Family, Asking God to comfort you all hearts, in the time of sorrow.

Jackson and Leysath Family

Mrs.Rosanne and Family - October 02, 2022 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ Condolences from the bowers/brown family

Joel Albe Bowers - October 02, 2022 at 03:11 PM

BD

To Our Beloved Family With Deepest Sympathy and A Heart Full of Love: The Beautiful, Faithful Soul of Our Cousin Francine Davis McMillan, who loved God and her Family with all of her heart, is a loss beyond words. She used her God-given talents and loving spirit to benefit and bless so many people during her lifetime. As The Late Martin Luther King once said "Longevity has its place..." May everyone find comfort in the strength of God's love and the solace of your countless happy memories that no one can ever take away. Peace and Love.
Cousins Billy and Frazier Davis

Billy and Frazier Davis - October 04, 2022 at 10:40 AM

BB

*Out dear Sister in Christ Arlene and friend and to all the grandchildren of our dear friend Mrs. McMillian oh how I'm sending love and prayers to each of you as you walk this journey. Such a lady in every way and Godly. Always sharing and showing love to all. Your family is blessed and favored with Grace and Mercy. We are praying for your strength.
The Brown's (Dale & Brenda)*

Brenda Brown - October 04, 2022 at 07:53 PM